

Photo Identity Cards

646. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue of photo identity cards for voters has been completed in every State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States where the work has not been completed;

(d) the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that these cards are issued in those States at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) :
(a) No, Sir.

(b) A statement showing the percentage of electors supplied with defect free Photo Identity Cards in various

States and Union territories as on 31.10.1997 is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The scheme is at different stages of implementation in all the States except the State of Jammu and Kashmir where it has not been introduced.

(d) The main reasons for slow progress of implementation of the scheme of Photo Identity Cards in some areas are movement of electors from one place to another, reorganization of polling stations, change in details of the electors in the electoral rolls, lack of adequate response from the electors, printing of data in the Identity Cards in two languages, etc. The scheme has been recently started in the States of Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

(e) The Election Commission is constantly reviewing the progress made by the State Governments in implementation of the scheme and, for that purpose, Chief Electoral Officers sent regular fortnightly reports to the Commission.

Statement

The Position of Number of Electors supplied with Defect Free I-Cards and Percentage of the Total voters of the Country who have been Issued Photo I-Cards

S. No.	Name of State/U.T.	Total electors as per Lok Sabha Election, 1996	Electors supplied with defect free I-cards	%
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	49501274	31731657	64.10
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	544440	358325	65.82
3.	Assam	12575854	67479	0.54
4.	Bihar	58438317	22495057	38.49
5.	Goa	869093	523189	60.20
6.	Gujarat	28529094	23133904	81.09
7.	Haryana	11152856	9324551	83.61
8.	Himachal Pradesh	3536517	2557616	72.32
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	—	Scheme not Implemented	—

1	2	3	4	5
10.	<i>Karnataka</i>	31810069	22811216	71.71
11.	Kerala	20673867	3043481	14.72
12.	Madhya Pradesh	43927252	26958281	61.37
13.	Maharashtra	55254414	43927750	79.50
14.	Manipur	1290990	984823	76.28
15.	Meghalaya	1092753	839778	76.85
16.	Mizoram	408094	0	0.00
17.	Nagaland	874518	0	0.00
18.	Orissa	22419118	18215355	81.25
19.	Punjab	14489825	10728438	74.04
20.	Rajasthan	30388357	18123259	59.64
21.	Sikkim	229160	200077	87.31
*22.	Tamil Nadu	42488022	*0	0.00
23.	Tripura	1647908	1150698	69.83
24.	Uttar Pradesh	100826305	51573000	51.15
25.	West Bengal	45583054	33255937	72.96
26.	Andaman & N. Islands	211226	172000	81.43
27.	Chandigarh	450599	293975	65.24
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	94909	57933	61.04
29.	Daman & Diu	70202	42305	60.26
30.	NCT-Delhi	8058941	5518000	68.47
31.	Lakshadweep	34111	29612	86.81
32.	Pondicherry	633635	554286	87.48
All India		592580483	328671982	55.47

*In Tamil Nadu, although cards have not yet been issued, photography of 89.94% electors have been done.